Annual grant of Rs. 10 lakhs are being released to these Chairs.

(iv) Scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowships

A Scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowships was introduced in the year 1993 under which 4 students are being sent abroad for undertaking higher studies in different disciplines under this Scheme. So far, 12 students have been selected under this Scheme. The Governing Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation has recently decided to discontinue this Scheme and replace a new Scheme called "Dr. Ambedkar National Fellowship and Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowship" which will facilitate the students and scholars to undertake higher studies not only in Indian but also in foreign Universities.

(v) Dr. Ambedkar National Award

The Foundation has been awarding Dr. Ambedkar Awards to both individuals as well as Associations/Institutions who have made outstanding contributions for promotion of Social Change for upliftment of Weaker Sectons of society in India. This annually Award carries cash amount of Rs. 10 lakhs, a citation and a plaque. So far two Awards have been presented in the past.

(vi) Dr. Ambedkar International Award for Social Change

Recently Dr. Ambedkar International Award for Social Change has been established. The purpose of this Award is to commemorate the signal services rendered by Dr. Ambedkar to India and the human family at large. This annual Award carries cash amount of Rs. 15 lakhs in foreign exchange a citation and a plaque. After constitution of the Jury, action is being taken to invite nominations for the first Award.

(vii)The Project of Translation and Publication of literature concerning the life and mission of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

The Foundation has initiated a Project of Translation and Publication of the Collected Works of Baba Saheb Ambedkar with includes his writings and speeches in 12 different regional languages. The original literature published by Govt. of Maharashtra is being translated and distributed at subsidised rates with an intention to popularise the ideology and philosophy of Baba Saheb Ambedkar.

In addition to the above, the Foundation has been organising National Functions both on 14th April and 6th December on the occasion of Birth and Death Anniversaries of Baba Saheb Ambedkar. President of India, Vice President, Prime Minister and other national leaders pay homage and floral tributes to Baba Saheb Ambedkar on both these occasions.

So far to facilitate the Foundation to implement the above referred Schemes and Project, the Government of India has provided Corpus Fund of Rs. 67.5 crores during the last 7 years.

(c) Now the Foundation is planning to introduce Schemes and Projects for providing assistance to NGOs for prevention of atrocities on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes as well as for promotion of the education among the members of under privileged sections of the society.

Gold Deposits in Singhbhum Region

102.SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether significant gold deposits have been discovered in the Singhbhum region of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) No significant gold deposits have been discovered in the Singhbhum region of Bihar so far.

(b) Question does not arise.

Restructuring Plan for Sail

103. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the restructuring plant for Steel Authority of India Ltd. for smooth sailing; and

(b) the measures envisaged to push exports?